

Claim Listing:

Claims (1-7 cancelled).

Claim 8 (new) A cable protection and guide device comprising: a plurality of link frame bodies articulably connected to each other; each said link frame body comprises first and second link plates respectively disposed on each side of a cable; a first connecting rod interconnecting said first and second link plates to each other at an inner peripheral extent of said first and second link plates; a second connecting rod interconnecting said first and second link plates to each other at an outer peripheral extent of said first and second link plates; said first and second connecting rods extend between adjacent link frame bodies; said second connecting rod includes a first end having a first convex portion thereon and a second end having a second convex portion thereon; said first side plate includes a first concave portion proximally residing at the outer peripheral extent thereof; said second plate includes a second concave portion residing at the outer peripheral extent thereof; a first seal interposed between said first convex portion of said first end of said second connecting rod and said first concave portion of said first side plate; a second seal interposed between said second convex portion of said second end of said second connecting rod and said second concave portion of said second side plate; said first and second convex portions of said second connecting rod engaging said first and second concave portions of said first and second side plates; and, said first and second side plates in combination with said first and second connecting rods completely enclosing and

sealing the cable such that dust or particles do not escape from said cable protection and guide device.

Claim 9 (New) A cable protection and guide device as claimed in claim 8 wherein said second connecting rod includes a pawl on each end thereof and each of said side plates includes a pawl groove therein, and wherein said pawls engage said pawl grooves.

Claim 10 (New) A cable protection and guide device as claimed in claim 9 wherein said convex portions and said concave portions are fitted into each other in a tapered manner.

Claim 11 (New) A cable protection and guide device as claimed in claim 8 wherein said seals are an elastic material